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SUBJECT: BORDONI EXTRADITION CASE-VENEZUELAN CITIZENSHIP REVOKED

REF: CARACAS 11194

1. BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL RELATIONS, OCTAVIO LEPAGE, THE VENEZUELAN CITIZENSHIP OF CARLO BORDONI WAS REVOKED ON SEPT 24. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ORDER APPEARED IN THE GOV OFFICIAL GAZETTE PUBLISHED LATE SEPTEMBER 24. BORDONI WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE TECHNICAL JUDICIAL POLICE (PTJ) AWAITING THE SUPREME COURT'S REVIEW SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 28 OF THE REQUEST FOR HIS EXTRADITION.

2. IN STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING HIS ARREST BORDONI CLAIMED THAT HE WAS NEVER A DIRECTOR OF THE FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK, ONLY OF THE NEW YORK FRANKLIN CORPORATION WHERE HE WAS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, "WITHOUT POWER", OF MICHELE SINDONA. HE STATED THAT SINDONA IS A MAN WITHOUT SCRUPLES WITH FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES AND IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE MAFIA, THE CIA AND THE FBI. FOR THIS REASON, BORDONI ASSERTS HE IS IN DANGER OF BEING ELIMINATED SHOULD HE BE RETURNED TO THE U.S. DR. CARLOS ARIAS VEGA, AN ADVISOR TO BORDONI, CLAIMED THAT THE "ABSURD ACCUSATIONS" AGAINST BORDONI ARE "EXCLUSIVELY AND EMINENTLY POLITICAL".

3. ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, BORDONI'S LAWYERS INTEND TO LODGE AN APPEAL EITHER SEPT 27 OR 28 AGAINST THE ORDER DEPRIVING BORDONI OF HIS VENEZUELAN CITIZENSHIP. ALTHOUGH THE APPEAL MAY DELAY PAST SEPT 28, THE FINAL DETERMINATION BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPREME COURT WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION,

BORDONI CAN BE DETAINED IN CUSTODY FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS
UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EXTRADITION AGREEMENT.
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